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SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RICHMOND: Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons signed today an order re-establishing the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. The order, which is attached, sets forth the membership, jurisdiction, and procedures of the Committee. The appointees to the committee are as follows:

Judiciary:

The Honorable Cynthia D. Kinser, Former Chief Justice, Retired, Supreme Court of Virginia

The Honorable Marla Graff Decker, Judge, Court of Appeals of Virginia

The Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Richard E. Moore, Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Pamela O'Berry, General District Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial District

The Honorable Uley Norris Damiani, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge, Eighteenth Judicial District

Members of the Virginia State Bar:

Thomas E. Spahn, Esq.

Warren David Harless, Esq.

Richard E. Ladd, Jr., Esq.

Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani, Esq.

Citizen Member:

The Honorable Walter Stosch, Senate of Virginia

About the Supreme Court of Virginia: The Supreme Court of Virginia possesses both original and appellate jurisdiction. The Court reviews decisions of lower courts, including the Court of Appeals, from
which appeals have been allowed. Virginia does not allow an appeal to the Supreme Court as a matter of right except in cases involving the State Corporation Commission, certain disciplinary actions against an attorney, and review of the death penalty. The Court's original jurisdiction is limited to cases of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, and actual innocence. The Supreme Court also has original jurisdiction in matters filed by the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission relating to judicial censure and retirement, and removal of judges.

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